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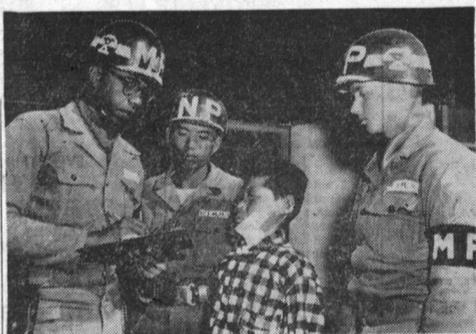
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SGT. WENDELL N. BODDEN (left) of New York City, and Pfc. Byron Strawn (right) of Lomita, California, patrolmen with the 88th Military Police Company, question a patient at the X Corps Civilian Hospital in Korea. A member of the Korean National Police (background) looks on. Sergeant Bodden has been in Korea since last March. Private First Class Strawn, whose parents live at 2237 248th street, Lomita, has been in Korea since last July.

**Capt. Clarke Takes Over Local Depot**

Capt. Paul W. Clarke will take over command of the San Pedro Naval Supply Depot and its Torrance Annex at a formal change of command ceremony to be held at the San Pedro activity Nov. 30, it was announced. He relieves Cmdr. W. P. Watts who has been acting as commanding officer since the departure of Capt. Arnold Kline early this month.

Capt. Clarke's last duty was as Inventory Division control director of The Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Washington, D. C. He is a native of Virginia and a 1931 graduate of the Naval Academy.

During World War II he assisted in the planning of the Allied landings in North and Northwestern Africa; served as supply officer of the Naval Operating Base, Casablanca, and as supply officer of the Advanced Amphibious Training

**C. Reese With 3rd Division**

Army Pvt. Charles E. Reese, 20, son of Mrs. Cora F. Reese, 1618 West 214th street, Torrance, recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 3rd Infantry Division.

The "Rock of the Marne" division, which saw bitter fighting in the Iron Triangle and at Outpost Harry, is now undergoing intensive post-truce training. Private Reese, a rifleman, entered the Army last February and completed basic training at Camp Roberts, California.

A TOTAL of 94 per cent of money raised through the Christmas Seal sale supports tuberculosis control programs in the state where the money is raised. The remaining 6 per cent goes to the National Tuberculosis Association for medical and social research and for service to state and local affiliates.

Base, Bizerte. His service at Bizerte won him the Legion of Merit.

**KIDS STARVE**

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are starving much of the time and often they can't go to school because they have nothing to eat. His wife, who has contracted Bright's disease, is unable to work even around the house.

Mata is bewildered and does not know where to turn. Until now, he has never had trouble supporting his family.

**Not A Quitter**

He is not a quitter who is looking to others to support him. Even under this strain he still has his self-respect and it hurts him to call upon others for aid.

Some temporary help came from a few individuals and one or two groups who heard about the family's fate this week. The house in which the Matas live is no palace. The furniture is old and worn. But there was hardly any furniture at all until someone brought a few pieces over this week. The mattresses are torn and the beds sag but at least there are a few blankets now to keep warm during the night.

There is not much food in the ice box because it takes a lot of food to fill 12 hungry children. The few big food packages which arrived within the last few days did not last very long.

The children range in age from 2 to 18. Ten go to school. One works part-time. There is Joe, 2, Marguerite, 4, Richard, 5, Mary Lou, 6, Theresa, 7, Santana, 8, Lupe, 9, Eleanor, 11, Martina, 12, Juanita, 14, Toni, 15, and Ernest, 18.

**County Bureau**

The Bureau of Public Assistance which had been investigating the matter, contacted the Matas immediately following an inquiry made by the Torrance Press Tuesday.

Mrs. Charlotte Cokle, supervisor of the case workers, went to the Matas herself that very same day and showed great understanding for their position.

**Limits**

There are limits, however, to what the Bureau can do, she explained to Mata and the Torrance Press. The maximum the Bureau can offer any family is \$150 a month, according to a Board of Supervisors ruling. This sum must be paid off eventually in cash or on a work project at 85 cents an hour.

The maximum figure is based on the minimum salary paid to any civil service employee.

Mrs. Cokle said that her Bureau would provide medical attention to Mrs. Mata. Mata knows that he can make "a go" of his farm if he will only be helped over this hump. The joyful spirit of Christmas is sadly lacking around the Mata home. It is not hard for the Matas to make out a list of their Christmas wishes. They have nothing and they can use everything.

The list is a simple one but a very long one and they don't know if it will do any good to tell Santa Claus of their needs.

A few small miracles have already begun. A few individuals and groups have sent food and a few articles to the family. Others who would like to come to their aid may do so by contacting Mrs. Ladeen Chamberlain at FAirfax 8-1496 after 5 p.m. or the Torrance Press at FAirfax 8-2345 for further information or help.

Perhaps Torrance can help the Matas believe in miracles again at Christmas time.

**THEFT**

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ham re-elected as treasurer. J. H. Paget will serve as the fifteenth director, while Dale Isenbreg will continue in the capacity of executive secretary.

"Pausing at the end of a year, and looking back on the records is a traditional custom," retiring president Flomert commented. "Nineteen hundred and fifty-three, in Chamber history, has been a successful year and one of many accomplishments, and you may well feel proud, and with this new expert leadership one can look forward into the year ahead for even greater accomplishments with a backlog of worthwhile projects already outlined as its goal. It has been my pleasure to have served as president of the Chamber of Commerce for 1952 and 1953 and the outstanding record of the Chamber reflects the joint efforts of the members of the Board of Directors, the very efficient staff consisting of Dale Isenberg and Mrs. Valda Wildkins, together with various committee chairmen and committee members. To you who have given your time and honest effort for the betterment of Torrance, my sincere thanks.

"Merry Christmas to each and every member of the Chamber of Commerce. May the New Year bring you health, happiness and prosperity."

Executive Secretary Dale Isenberg announced that the new officers will take over immediately on January 1, 1954, and will be honored at an installation banquet to be held in the Civil Auditorium on Thursday evening, January 28, 1954. Darwin Pagish and Paul Diamond have been appointed chairmen of a special committee, consisting of George Pow-

**PV MINE BATTLE**

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mined product. He had said earlier there would be no stock-piling.

The opposition claims the stockpiled earth would be scattered over the Palos Verdes area by the winds.

**Dust Fills Room**

Leo W. Carlston, engineer, and Howard Clark, of Rolling Hills, demonstrated the lightness of diatomaceous earth, using what they said were samples from the proposed mine site.

They fanned the specimens with a ten mile an hour air stream which caused the earth dust to billow in the hearing rooms with resultant coughing from the spectators.

Jack Davidson, president of the South Bay Home Owners Association, obtained admission from Dr. A. J. Haagen-Smit, Cal Tech smog expert, that diatomaceous earth dust might be a nuisance in the smog.

The bio-chemist emphasized, however, that it could not be considered a main smog source. Great Lakes paraded a row of witnesses before the Board during the first half of the day in an attempt to settle the arguments of the homeowners.

While a company witness declared that the pit would be kept wetted down, he was not able to say how wide an area this would cover.

Landscaping Questioned The feasibility of landscaping were questioned by the homeowners, Ray Metcalf, a noted botanist, declared that vegetation cannot grow in the diatomaceous earth area.

Asks Subpoena Mr. Garrett, attorney for Great Lakes, next declared he wished to subpoena Dr. Foster, head of the medical association whose resolution labeled the mining operation injurious to the health of residents.

Garrett was unexpectedly granted 15 minutes to contact the doctor but returned at the end of that time and dismissed the case. When Dr. Foster was spied in the audience later, Garrett was given a chance to question him but refused.

**REZONING**

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area to multiple dwelling. The area involved is that on both sides of Yukon ave. from 174th st. until just south of Redondo Beach Blvd.

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab expressed the Council's difficult position when he said, "I gave this matter just as much thought as you (the packed audience). I lost a lot of sleep over it. I feel that in a year we will all be satisfied by this action. You have put the Council on the spot. They are trying their best. The Planning Commission (which made the rezoning recommendation) gave much thought to this matter. We have made enemies, I know, but it is never possible to please all."

A motion made by Councilman Blount to keep the area zoned R-1 was lost for want of a seconding.

**Motion Made**

Blount's motion, which followed a few tense moments of silence after the heated testimony of the homeowners had been heard, was followed by a motion for rezoning made by Councilman Nick Draie.

Draie declared that his motion for an R-3 zone was made on the basis of a survey which he made of residents on both sides of Yukon from 175th to the area near Redondo Beach Blvd. He found that residents were 2:1 for rezoning.

**Outbursts**

Draie's statement was followed by such spontaneous outbursts from the audience as "Boo! Boo!", "Let's hear him out!" "Did you pick your contacts" mixed with applause. Blount contended that the Planning Commission's primary job is to protect R-1 homeowners. Instead of a blanket zoning change he recommended that each lot be considered individually as a variance if a change of zone were requested.

**Pros and Cons**

Homeowners for the zone change contended that the homes which would go in would not be cheap, thus maintaining the value of surrounding property. Since it was left to them to decide to whom to rent, they could see to it that no undesirable elements would move in as cheap.

Those opposed to the rezoning feared that the parking problem and the crowded population, especially as far as schools are concerned, would be aggravated. They also claimed that the tax burden would be tripled without similar return.

IT IS estimated that 400,000 people in the United States now have active tuberculosis. About 150,000 of these are unknown to health authorities. People can have TB in its early stages without knowing they are ill.

ell, Lou Arbetter, and Dr. Henry Hull to formulate plans for this gala occasion.

**PHONE FA.**

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